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DIRECTOR OF CENTRAL INTELLIGENCE
Intelligence Producers Council
Washington, D.C. 20505

IPC 7588/88
14 October 1988

MEMORANDUM FOR: Director of Central Intelligence

VIA: Deputy Director of Central Intelligence
Chairman, Intelligence Producers Council (IPC)

FROM: 
Chief, Intelligence Producers Council Staff (IPCS)

SUBJECT: Providing Copies of the FY 1989 National Intelligence
Topics (NITs) to the Congressional Oversight Committees

1. Action Requested: That you sign the attached letters forwarding the
US Policymakers' National Intelligence Topics (NITs), FY 1989 to the chairmen
of the intelligence oversight committees of the Congress. (C)

2. Background: At the 8 September 1988 meeting of the Committee on
Requirements and Priorities, Senior Interagency Group-Intelligence, DDCI Gates
approved the Intelligence Producers Council recommendation of sending copies
of the FY 1989 NITs to the Congressional intelligence oversight committees.
In the past, the NITs have been provided to the Chairmen of the Senate and
House intelligence oversight committees. (C)

3. Recommendation: That you sign the transmittal letters to Senator
Boren and Congressman Stokes at Tabs A and B respectively. (U)

Attachments:

- A. Ltr. to Senator Boren (w/Cy #583 of NITs)
- B. Ltr. to Congressman Stokes (w/Cy #684 of NITs)

CL BY: Signer
DECL: OADR

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The Director of Central Intelligence

Washington, D.C. 20505

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The Honorable David L. Boren, Chairman
Select Committee on Intelligence
United States Senate
Washington, D.C. 20510

Dear Mr. Chairman:

Enclosed for your information is the FY 1989 edition of US Policymakers' National Intelligence Topics (NITs) which has just been published. The NITs document represents the most authoritative statement of critical intelligence needs of senior US policymakers. The Intelligence Community uses this document as guidance in formulating requirements, setting priorities, and planning finished intelligence production. Moreover, the NITs take on even greater importance as a tool for focusing resources more efficiently. (S/NF)

If intelligence is to do its job well, constant interaction between the policymaking and intelligence-producing communities is critical. The NITs are unique in the Intelligence Community because they are formulated by the policymakers, thereby providing a vehicle for the policymaking community to directly influence intelligence production. I believe this year's NITs are especially relevant because of more active participation by the policymaking community. These improvements are only a small part of a greater effort on our part to be more responsive to consumer needs by bringing greater rationality to the top-level requirements and evaluation structure. (S/NF)

This same letter with enclosure is being sent to Chairman Stokes of the House Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence. (U)

Sincerely yours,

/s/ William H. Webster

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